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FOR MR. GEORGE ALDRICH

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SUBJECT: LOW CONFERENCE-PROTECTION OF OIL AND OIL FACILITIES

1. DRAFT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 48 (OBJECTS INDISPENSABLE TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION) PROTOCOL I, TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR "FUEL RESERVOIRS AND REFINERIES" WAS FILED BY SEVERAL ARAB AND AFRICAN STATES LAST YEAR. THE ISSUE WAS SEPARATED FROM ARTICLE 48 IN THE COMMITTEE III WORKING GROUP AND WILL BE DEALT WITH IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE.

2. WE WERE ADVISED INFORMALLY THAT THE ARAB STATES WOULD NOT PRESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN ARTICLE AT THIS SESSION BUT WOULD FILE A WORKING PAPER OF PRINCIPLES TO BE STUDIED AND DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. ON FRIDAY WE RECEIVED INFORMALLY FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT IN COMMITTEE III A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT AS FOLLOWS:

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"GENERAL PRINCIPALS FOR THE PROTECTION

OF OIL AND OIL FACILITIES

PRESENTED BY: ALGERIA, EGYPT, INDONESIA, KUWAIT, LIBYA,
QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, SUDAN, UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES

1. AS ONE OF THE VITAL NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE EARTH,
OIL AND ITS MEANS OF PRODUCTION SHOULD BE PROTECTED
AGAINST DESTRUCTION, DAMAGE OR LOSS CAUSED BY ARMED
CONFLICT.
2. THE PROTECTION SHALL EXTEND TO THE DEPOSITS, OIL
REFINERIES, AND THE ANCILLARY INSTALLATIONS BUT SHALL
NOT EXTEND TO OIL OR REFINED OIL PRODUCTS STORED ELSE-
WHERE THAN AT AN OIL FIELD OR REFINERY, IF SUCH OIL OR
OIL PRODUCTS ARE MILITARY OBJECTS AS DEFINED IN
ARTICLE 47.
3. IN PARTICULAR ATTACKS BY SABOTAGE OR BY BOMBARDMENT
BY ANY MEANS SHALL NOT BE DIRECTED AGAINST OIL DEPOSITS,
WELL, RIGS, REFINERIES, PIPELINES AND PUMPING STATIONS
CARRYING OIL BETWEEN OIL FIELDS AND REFINERIES, AND ALL
PORT FACILITIES, OIL FACILITIES AND REFINERIES.
4. LOADED TANKS AT SEA OR IN PORT SHALL NOT BE SUBJECTED
TO ATTACK UNLESS (A) THE TANKER IS BEING USED FOR THE
PURPOSE OF REFILLING NAVAL VESSELS AT SEA; (B) THE TANKER
IS ARMED AND OPENS FIRE; (C) THE MEANS AND METHODS OF
ATTACK ARE NOT SUCH AS TO CREATE A RISK OF SINKING THE
TANKER OR OTHERWISE CAUSE POLLUTION OF THE SEA.
5. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL ALSO EXTEND
TO NATURAL GAS DEPOSITS, THE ANCILLARY INSTALLATIONS
AND SHIPS CARRYING LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS."
3. THE ABOVE DOCUMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE
AS A CONFERENCE WORKING PAPER SHORTLY, BUT THERE SEEMS
TO BE NO PRESSURE TO MOVE IT FORWARD AT THIS SESSION.
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